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SIXTEENTH NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Will Hold Its Next Convention at Albuquerque, New Mexico, in September and October.

The National Irrigation Congress will hold its sixteenth session at Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 29th, 30th, and October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1908. This great assembly is one of the most important unofficial organizations in the United States. Its purpose is to promote the wise development of governmental policies relating to the conservatton, development and best use of the forests, streams and lands of the country.

It seeks to save the forests, store the floods, reclaim the deserts and make homes on the land.

Its annual sessions have had an important influence on national legislation and national prosperity.

The congress is composed of delegates representing the states and territories of the Union, counties, municipalities, organized bodies of many kinds.

Its personnel includes the highest officials of the national government, senators, representatives and administrative officials.

Prominent men from every portion of the United States attend and participate in the proceedings. Among these are governors of states and men who stand at the head of the great manufacturing, commercial and financial interests of the country, leading professional men, educators, engineers and scientists.

The national reclamation act, through which there has been accumulated in the national treasury a revolving fund of approximately forty million dollars, now being expended in the construction of great irrigation systems that will reclaim millions of acres of semi-arid lands, is a direct result of a public sentiment developed by the annual sessions of this congress.

The new national policy of forest preservation, under which more than a hundred millions of forest area and grazing lands of the public domain have been reserved from sale for the purpose of preventing denudation and destruction, insuring their proper use and conserving the timber and range resources of the country and the protection of watersheds, is largely due to the discussions which have annually been had at the National Irrigation Congress.

The participation of high officials of the general government who are charged with the administration of the National Irrigation and Forestry laws gives to this congress a semi-official character.

In its membership, the National Irrigation Congress is the most broadly representative of any of our national gatherings. It deals with questions of national policy and representation is accorded to practically every body of citizens of the United States.

The preparations now being made in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the 16th annual session of the National Irrigation Congress, are announced to be very elaborate. The Inter-State Industrial Exposition which will be held at the same time and continuing until the 10th of October, will undoubtedly be the largest and best exhibition of the resources of arid America ever brought together in one place. The big convention hall, which the people of Albuquerque are building, is a steel, brick and concrete structure, capable of seating upwards of four thousand delegates. Over fifty thousand feet of space have already been applied for, applications coming from all over New Mexico and from the state of Colorado and the territory of Arizona. Mining and livestock exhibits will also be featured. The display of irrigated farm products and of forestry will be of immense benefit in the way of demonstrating the capabilities of western soil when the great irrigation projects of the government are in operation.

The Board of Control announces that men active in the development of the Salt River valley of Arizona have made application for a large reservation of space at the Inter-State Industrial Exposition held in connection with the National Irrigation Congress. The Salt River Valley is the banner agricultural district of Arizona and produces not only field crops and vegetables, but melons and citrus fruits considered the finest in the United States. The Arizona showing will be particularly interesting as it will come principally from the region to be irrigated from the great Roosevelt reservoir, one of the principal projects now under construction by the Reclamation Service.

"The Power of the Cross"

The Arizona Dramatic Club played to a good-sized house in Todd's Hall, Wednesday night, when they presented the melodrama entitled "The Power of the Cross."

The several characters in this drama were well played by the members of this local company, which is developing talent to a degree that comes near being professional.

The play will be given again tomorrow evening, February 29th, in Pima.

The success of the Arizona Dramatic Club this season has led to plans for the erection of an opera house in Safford. Several of our prominent citizens are getting together on a proposition to build a $10,000 theatre and dance hall. The site most favorably considered being Wickersham Park.

The need of an opera house in Safford has been manifest for some time, and if the present plans go through, Safford will have a place of antertainment that will be a credit to the city.

Alfalfa seed 15 cents per pound, S. R. McAlexander, Safford.

Dr. Brenner has ensirely recovered from his attack of grippe, and is attending to business.

Rev. C. Wardlaw went to Prescott last Friday to visit his daughter, Mrs. L. W. Wheatley.

Mrs. Fred Jacobson entertained a number of her friends Wednesday night at her home. A delightful oyster supper was served, and a pleasant evening spent.

The Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association, of Pima, presented the drama entitled "Hiawatha," to a crowded house in Pima last Saturday evening.

The Sahuara Club held a very interesting and instructive meeting last Monday afternoon. A special program of original papers, recitations, etc, was successfully carried out. The Club meets every Monday afternoon at Safford School House.

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For it is Much Safer there than hid around your Homes.

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FOSTER ADJUDGED A BANKRUPT

Decision Handed Down By Judge Nave on February 18th---Creditors To Meet March 4th

Judge Nave has rendered a decision in the Foster bankruptcy proceedings by adjudicating Mr. Foster a bankrupt. The matter has been referred to George H. Crosby, Jr., as referee.

Mr. Crosby has appointed David Ridgway as temporary custodian of the property, which consists of the stock and fixtures of the Cyclone Store. The keys of the store were turned over to Mr. Ridgway by Mr. Foster on Tuesday.

Nothing further will be done in the matter until the meeting of the creditors, which will be held in Safford, March 4th. At this meeting a trustee or trustees in bankruptcy will be elected.

It is to be regetted that the creditors of Mr. Foster found it necessary to bring proceedings in bankruptcy, as it was thought that Mr. Foster could pull through and pay dollar for dollar if he had been granted an extension of time to make the payments.

Mr. Foster had been working on these lines for the past month, and had succeeded in impressing a number of his creditors of his ability to win out successfully if further time was given him, which, if it had been granted, he would have opened up the Cyclone Store and remain in business. As it is Mr. Foster has been able to reduce the debt by about $12,000.

The proposition advanced by Mr. Foster to pay his creditors in cash at 60 cents on the dollar, or pay in full the entire amount in six, twelve and eighteen months, was accepted by several of the creditors, and it was thought by friends of Mr. Foster that this plan would render unnecessary any further proceedings in bankruptcy.

Since starting in business in Safford some seven years ago, Mr. Foster has shown remarkable ability as a hustling business man. He has worked hard in his own business, as well as looking after the interests of the farmers of the valley by find a market for their products at good prices. By his efforts the selling price for hay reached the highest price ever known, and the results were a season of prosperity for the farmers as well as for others. It has been said of Mr. Foster that no farmer ever came to him with his products but was received in a business spirit, and a market found for the sale at a good price.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Foster will find his way clear to starting up business again at an early date.

Match Games Basket Ball

The match games of basket ball between teams of the school children of the Layton school and Safford school took place on Safford school grounds Tuesday afternoon before a large crowd of interested spectators.

The games were well played by the contestants and the exhibition of team work was a great improvement. One novelty carried out successfully was the order for perfect silence among the players.

The first game was called promptly at 4.15 p. m., between the first teams of both schools. This game was replete with many brilliant plays and resulted in a victory for the Safford team by a score of 20 to 5.

The next game was between the second teams of both schools. This game was also prettily played by the contestants, and the laurels of victory went to the Layton team by a score of 14 to 10.

The Safford teams were composed of the following players: First team—Cynthia Morris, Vera Jacobson and Ada Thorstensen, Forwards. Edna Merrill, Center. Jesse Birdno, Delia Beebe and Viola Houck, Guards. Second team—Myra Young, Henrietta Olney and Anna Jacobson, Forwards. Viola Owens, Center. Anna Johnston, Lillian Freeman and Blanche Birdno, Guards.

The players on the teams from Layton were as follows: First team—Lula Platt, Alice Hatch and Augusta Branch, Forwards. Lillie Warner, Center. Maggie King, Clara Morris and Ida Slinker, Guards. Second team—Mary Kirkpatrick, Margaret Richards and Artie Scott, Forwards. Lettie McAlister, Center. Glida Welker, Flossie Evans and Lena Foote, Guards.

Fresh water fish at the Real Meat Market Thursday and Friday. 1-tf

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY TUNNEL

Formal Opening of the McAdoo Tunnel Under North River, Connecting New York and New Jersey

New York, Feb. 25.—Grasping hands in fraternal greeting across the New York-New Jersey boundary line, from the platforms of electric trains sixty feet under the Hudson river, Governor Hughes and Governor Fort today formerly opened the first tunnel connecting the metropolis with the New Jersey mainland, marking the completion of one of the most stupendous engineering feats of modern times.

President Roosevelt pressed the electric button in Washington that started the electric trains bearing Governor Hughes and Governor Fort speeding toward each, the former leaving Morton street, New York, and the other starting from Hoboken. The trains met exactly on the state line, at which point the tunnel was lined with bunting. A congratulatory message from President Roosevelt was read.

Following the brief exercises in the tunnel, both official parties proceeded to Hoboken, where the program provided for short speechmaking and an inspection of the tunnel plant. Great public demonstrations marked the opening at both the New York and Hoboken terminals. The celebration was brought to a close Tuesday night with a dinner at Sherry's, in which the state and municipal officials of New York and New Jersey took a leading part. Governor Fort and Governor Hughes were the chief speakers.

The route opened today is a double track road extending from the Lackawana terminal in Hoboken, under the river and through Christopher street and Sixth Avenue, Manhattan, to Nineteenth street. The stations are at Christopher and Greenwich streets, Christopher street and Sixth Avenue, and at Fourteenth and Nineteenth streets.

The fare in the McAdoo tunnels will be five cents from Hoboken to Nineteenth street and Sixth Avenue. Eight-car trains of steel cars will be run, and the time will be twelve minutes from Hoboken to Nineteenth street.

The cars are constructed entirely of steel, of a type different from any now in use in New York. They have side doors in the center as well as at either end, and at all terminal stations the platforms are so arranged that that the passengers may enter and leave the cars at the same time.

This new under-river system represents an expenditure of nearly $60,000,000 It is one of the world's greatest engineering accomplishments and is certain to have a marked influence not only upon the future development of northern New Jersey, but also of certain sections of Manhattan.

William G. McAdoo, a lawyer, saw the possibilities in 1901, and organized a company, which acquired the 3,500 feet of the old tunnel and completed it by means of the steel ring method. A second parallel tube was built. These are the tunnels opened today, while other sections of the system will be in operation next summer.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Donald Simpson

The many friends of Mrs. Donald Simpson were deeply shocked last Monday when a telegram was received from Bisbee announcing her sudden death. Mrs. Simpson was the daughter of Mrs. Christopher Wish, and resided here for many years. Her husband, Donald Simpson, was in business here in Safford for several years.

The body was brought to Safford and the interment will be in the Union cemetery.

Teacher's Examination

Notice is hereby given that the regular teacher's examination will be held at the court house, in Solomonville, Arizona, March 2nd and 3d. Sessions will begin at 8:30 a. m.

A. R. Lynch,
County Supt.

An Exchange Package Party

A very pretty idea of entertainment was carried out last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ben R. Clark, in Solomonville.

Invitations were sent out requesting the presence of guests at Mrs. Clark's home at three o'clock and those invited were requested to bring a package containing some article with which they were willing to part. The novelty consisted in the exchange of each package, which resulted in many pleasing revelations to the ladies present.

Another enjoyable event was a pie guessing game. This is a very pretty game arranged on slips of paper, and the first prize was awarded to Mrs. Geo. A. Olney, Mrs. E. S. Mashbir was successful in winning the booby prize.

The afternoon wound up by serving refreshments to the guests, who expressed themselves as having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

Among those present we note the following: Mrs. Mit Simms, Mrs. Frank Richardson, Mrs. A. G McAlister, Mrs. Charles Parks, Mrs. Geo. A. Olney, Mrs. E. S. Mashbir, Mrs. Wilson. Misses Massey, Kate Shivers, Lillie Bishop and Mrs. Kittrell.

Report of the Condition of the Bank of Safford

At Safford, in the Territory of Arizona, at the close of business Feb. 14, 1908.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, less due from directors,	$100,755 85
Overdrafts	206 61
Due from Trust Companies, State and National Banks	13,491 18
Due from Private Bankers and Brokers	1,178 57
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc	2,740 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	714 13
Specie	7,519 35
Legal tender and National Bank Notes	13,893 00
Exchanges for clearings	608 14
Other Items Carried as Cash	90 07
Total	$146,196 90

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	$ 10,000 00
Surplus	2,500 00
Undivided profits	667 07
Individual deposits subject to check	107,385 04
Time certificates of deposit	2,800 00
Certified Checks	50 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	41 35
Due to Trust Companies, State and National Banks	253 44
Bills payable	22,500 00
Total	$146,196 90

Territory of Arizona, County of Graham, } ss

I, J. N. Robinson, Vice-President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. N. Robinson, Vice-President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1908.

T. S. Bunch,
Notary Public.

My commission expires June 2, 1910.

Correct-Attest:
J. N. Porter, } Director.

Fred Blake received a telegram from Judge Hunter Tuesday evening, stating that he should start for Los Angeles at once. Mr. Blake left for that city Wednesday morning. It is supposed that Mr. Blake's father, Thomas Blake, who has been in Los Angeles for several weeks undergoing treatment, has had a bad turn, hence the urgent telegram.

Trotting Stallion Mambrino.

The only Mambrino Stallion in the valley. Sired by Rex Mambrino, record 2.10. He by Rufus, record 2.34. He by Mambrino Chief, Jr., record 2.27 1-4. He by Mambrino Chief, He by Mambrino Paymaster. He by Mambrino. He by Imported Messenger Rufus. First Dam by Council Fox Hunter. It will be remembered that 29 of the brood mares that have produced the greatest speed are Mambrino Bay.

A ride behind this horse will convince the most skeptical that he is a natural born trotter.

W. C. Taylor, of Pima,
1-8t Owner and Manager.

Fruit Trees

I have a complete assortment of Pear, Plum, Peach, Apricot and Quince trees. Also rose bushes, shade trees, flowering shrubs, etc., for sale at the Graham County Nurseries. For sale cheap to close out. Address, O. N. Williams & Co., Safford. 1-2t

Boarders Wanted.

Mrs. Gertrude Anderson at the Foster home will take a few select boarders. Furnished rooms upstairs if wanted. tf

The World May Owe You a Living

But you will generally have to hustle pretty hard to make collection. In the meantime a checking account in a good bank will prove an incentive to saving, a stimulus to the practice of economy and a great help toward the accumulation of a working capital. Try it with

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Local News

Dr. Lindley at Jones Hotel. 36tf

The First National Bank, of Globe, will resume business tomorrow, February 29th.

Mixed Nuts, 25c. per pound, at "The Palms." 45 tf

Anyone losing school books and a slicker, can have same by applying to Royal Freestone.

I am paying 50 to 60 cents for chickens. S. R. McAlexander. 51-tf

The Ladies Sewing Circle met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Chas. F. Solomon.

Fresh Persian Dates, 20c. per pound, at "The Palms." 45-tf

The open season for quail closes February 29th. Quail hunters will take notice, and shoot doves.

190 proof alcohol at the Palace Saloon. 1-1t

Miss Lois Anderson returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. R. Patterson, in Morenci, Tuesday evening.

Catffsh at the Real Meat Market Thursday and Friday. 1-tf

The Pythian Sisters of Solomonville will initiate five new members tonight at Pythian Hall, in Solomonville.

Dr. Lindley at Jones Hotel. 36tf

R. M. Buehler, superindent of the local telephone line, was in Safford Tuesday attending to telephone business.

Catfish at the Real Meat Market Thursday and Friday. 1-tf

City Marshal Robertson states that dog licenses are now due. Owners of dogs in city limits must pay the tax, or their dogs will be taken up.

Sauer kraut for sale at the Olney Meat Market. 48-tf

Chief Charles Kreuger, of the N. Y. Fire Dept., who lost his life in a recent fire in that city, was a first cousin of Chief Krueger of the local fire department.

California Navel Oranges, at "The Palms.' 45-tf

John Owens received a telegram yesterday afternoon from Stanley Butte, Ariz., informing him that W. H. Albritton was seriously ill and not expected to live.

Fresh water fish at the Real Meat Market Thursday and Friday. 1-tf

John Faught, mine foreman at the National Mining Exploration Company's mines in the Gila mountains, arrived in Safford Monday morning from Globe.

New Sultan Figs, at "The Palms." 45-tf

George H Crosby, Jr., will remove from Thatcher to Safford. Mr. Crosby has secured a house on I street, above George Jacobson's, where he will soon be domiciled.

Rugs, Art Squares and Linoleum at Olney-Ijams Furniture Co. 1-1t

You can mail your letters in the postoffice for outgoing mail to Bowie until one o'clock p. m. The new mail delivery schedule permits the sorting of letters early in the day. This is a great accommodation, as it is not necessary to wait until the evening train for the mail.

Dr. Lindley at Jones Hotel. 36tf

Marriage licenses have been issued by Probate Judge Shirley in Solomonville to Christopher Merrill and Edna Thorpe, of Thatcher, and J. D. Evans and Gladys West, of Clifton.

Small veal wanted at the Olney Meat Market. 48-tf

T. E. Collins was a business visitor in Safford Tuesday. Mr. Collins is located in Globe and is the proprietor of the "White House," one of the leading dry goods stores in that city.

Rugs, Art Squares and Linoleum at Olney-Ijams Furniture Co. 1-1t

A. O. Lamoreaux is reported on the sick list again, being laid up from injuries received from a fall off a hay wagon. Four sons of Mr. Lamreaux's are reported ill from pneumonia.

Get your wood and coal from the Safford Ice and Creamery Company. Wood cut any length and size desired. 47-tf

D. W. Wickersham, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Florence, arrived in Safford Saturday evening from Los Angeles. Mr. Wickersham and his daughter went to Globe Sunday evening for a short visit.

Dr. Lindley at Jones Hotel. 36tf

Sam Morrow and R. F. McLaren, both of Globe, were visitors in Safford and the valley last Sunday and Monday. Both gentlemen were here looking over the field for the purpose of locating here permanently.

Fresh Candies, at "The Palms." 45-tf

William K. Cluff has purchasd the blacksmith shop and business of Louis Russell in Thatcher. Mr. Cluff will continue the business, and as he is a competent all-round mechanic, will no doubt make a great success of his new venture.

190 proof alcohol at the Palace Saloon. 1-1t

William Kamstra, from Grand Rapids, Mich., arrived in Safford Monday evening, and was met at the train by his cousin, Louis Kamstra, our popular jeweler. Mr. Kamstra will probably locate here, permanently, and will take up surveying as a business.

Dr. Lindley at Jones Hotel. 36tf

Luther A. Moore, of Seneca, S. C., accompanied by his wife, arrived in Safford Monday evening, and is stopping at the home of Rev. Wardlaw, his father-in law. Mr. Moore will remain here for some time, and may make Safford his permanent residence.

Get your wood and coal from the Safford Ice and Creamery Company. Wood cut any length and size desired. 47-tf

Mrs. Charles F. Solomon, who in company with Mrs. Adolph Solomon, of Oakland, Cal., went to Globe Sunday evening to visit with relatives, returned home Wednesday morning. Mrs. Adolph Solomon went through to Solomonville, where she will visit with I. E. Solomon and family.

The Young People's Christian Association held a social party at the home of Misses Leora and Mabel Westerman last Friday evening. It was largely attended despite the inclement weather. A patriotic program in commemoration of Washington's Birthday was fully enjoyed by those present.

1908 The New Year 1908

Possibly you are already a patron of this Bank. If not, it might be well to start in with the New Year. A trial may prove mutually profitable. With a view to getting better acquainted, we invite you to call or write.

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Patent mining notices, per inch (10 insertions)	5 00
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Land Proofs	10 00
Notice of Forfeiture	15 00
Contest Notice	15 00
All other legal advertising, per inch, each insertion	1.00

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FEBRUARY 28, 1908.

IT IS THE LOWEST NOW.

John J. Birdno, county assessor, spent the past week in Clifton on business connected with his office. It is customary for him to make several trips here to get up his assesment and on this trip it was his mission to assess the copper companies. He spent the greater portion of his time at the plants and mines. He is of the opinion that the assessment roll will reach close to the $8,000,000 mark this year. Extensive new improvements have been made all over the county, new companies have advanced to the front, and with the new bullion tax law, using 1907 prices as a basis, the assessment will be a heavy one. A larger assessment roll means another reduction in the tax rate and at that rate it will not be long until the tax rate in Graham county will be the lowest in Arizona.—Copper Era.

If the editor of the Era will take the trouble to look the matter up he will find that the tax rate in Graham county according to taxable wealth, the lowest now. Cochise county is the only one with a tax rate as low as Graham, and her taxable wealth is about three times as much as ours. If we had the same amount of taxable wealth as Cochise our tax rate would not be over 75 cents. Even Maricopa, with nearly double our taxable property, has a higher tax rate.

The reason of this is plain, Graham county is administered more economical than any other county, and yet large sums of money have been spent by the board in public improvements that were needed and will be lasting. But the officials whose duty it is to see after the finances of the county are democrats and run the county business for the benefit of the people whose trust and confidence they are holding.

President Roosevelt got one in the solar plexus when the House Committee on Coinage and Weights, by a unanimous vote, reported favorably the bill requiring the restoration to gold and silver coins the motto: "In God We Trust."

The latest bid for a Taft delegation from Arizona comes in the shape of a telegram from Washington stating "that New Mexico and Arizona will be admitted to statehood inside of a year if President Roosevelt can manage it, and he possibly can." On the strength of this news the New Mexico Republican Convention indorsed William H. Taft for the presidential nomination. Now it remains for the Republicans of Arizona to do likewise, and then we will have statehood—NIT.

The Hon. Eegene Brady O'Neill will start out on his campaign for delegates for himself to the Democratic Territorial convention about March 1st. The fiery Irishman expects to win in a walk, but he forgets that Mark Smith is in the field for the nomination, and Mark, well, he thinks he is about al right for another two years, and so do we.

If you believe what people say, nothing is everything. Women cry about it, people claim they are working for it, nobody wants it but everybody seems to be getting it.

New Political Party Formed

The Independence League is now in the field as a national organization, and will hold a national convention to nominate a presidential ticket after the conventions of the two older parties have been held,

The platform, as presented by Clarence J. Shearn to the conference held in Chicago, February 22nd, is as follows:

The league advocates direct nomination of all candidates and the popular election of the United States senators and judges; legislation prohibiting the use of money in elections, except for meetings, literature and necessary traveling expenses of candidates. The immediate purchase of telegraph lines is made an issue. Union labor organizations are endorsed when they tend to bring about just distribution of wealth, and laws for an eight-hour day, the enforcement of the use of safety appliances in industrial undertakings, and the right to trial by jury in contempt cases are favored. A court to review and enforce the orders of the interstate commission is suggested. The revision of the tariff by the gradual reduction of schedules, and a strong navy are advocated; and ship subsidy for the "development of commerce," and the extension of the reserve naval force, is endorsed.

A Communication

GRANTSBORO, N. C.,
Feb. 15, 1908,

EDITOR GUARDIAN:—

In reading your paper I notice articles written by elders who are from the Gila Valley, and I think it would be proper to send you a few notes regarding this part of the country.

I receive your welcome paper once a week, and it is one of the best papers I get. The souvenir edition you sent me is a great help to me in my work here, especially in explaining the country, and it interests all who have seen it.

Here in North Carolina the people are getting ready for farming, but farming is not carried on here like it is in the southwest. They have to use fertilizer on the land, which is sandy. They use only one horse in plowing.

It takes about fourteen months to harvest a cotton crop, and some of the farmers have not got rid of their last crop.

Since I left Thatcher, I have visited nearly all of the eastern part of this state. I am in Pamlico county, which is situated on the ocean side.

Fresh fish is scarce at this time of the year, but there is a plentiful supply of oysters, which can be purchased for forty cents a bushel in the shell.

The late panic made things very bad here in the South. The mills have shut down, and a large number of men are out of work. A great proportion of laborers are negroes, and they depend on the mills.

Next April the people of North Carolina will vote on the prohibition question.

At this time there are about twenty-five elders in this State, two of them being from Graham county. We are doing good work here, and are finding lots of friends.

The month of February is like spring time, and we have lots of rain.

Fox hunting is one of the sports, here, but I have never participated in one. I have been on several 'possum hunts.

If there is anyone in the Gila Valley who has friends here they would like me to see, I would be very happy to do so.

Wishing you and your paper the best success, I remain,

Yours truly,
ELDER LORENZO LAYTON.

No one can take care of good looks and rheumatism at the same time.

Mining News

There are now about 500 men employed at the Shannon mines, which is as many as have been employed at any other time. The ore output of the mines has been increased considerably of late and it is reported that more ore is being added to the reserve all the time. The incline is in excellent running order and the smelting plant is in fine trim awaiting the command of a higher price of copper. The Shannon has recently made a wonderful showing in the way of adapting itself to exsisting conditions. Since the slump in copper expenses have been reduced materially in every department and at the same time the output of copper has been kept up to its usual standard. With the amount of ore the Shannon has in reserve and the additional 700-ton furnace capacity which is not now being used, there is prospects for a handsome increase in the earnings of the company just as soon as the price reaches the proper place. Judging from the opinion of prominent mining men copper will soon be selling steadily at 15 or 16 cents per pound and if it does there is going to be something doing with the Shannon and the Clifton-Morenci district in general.

Mining Science devotes over twenty-five inches to description of the tungsten district which is about twenty miles northeast of Benson by the wagon road which passes through D. A. Adams ranch, and is about four miles north of Dragoon station. The writer says that about $32,000 has been received for tungsten ore, which is being concentrated by the most primitive methods at times when there is a supply of water.

He says the tungsten district is two by four miles in diameter; that veins have well defined walls and are continuous for long distances, some being traceable for two miles.

One case is mentioned where a man bought half interest in a group in this district for $227.50, and within four months produced $10,470 net profit from his interest. It is suggested that a dry concentrator could be worked to good advantage here all the year if the veins were developed?

The new Mexican mining law will soon be out. It is generally understood that mineral prospecting zones and big exclusive concessions will be a good thing but there are other things just as much needed in the present law, such as: not requiring actual surveys and monumenting of claims; on nine-tenths of the properties there is not a thing on the ground to put one on notice, the records of location in mining agents' offices are not public records free for the inspection of any one, and the agents have a perquisite in charging for such inspection or can refuse it altogether if they choose; there is no encouragement in the way of lessening taxes or a final patent—the man who develops his mine must keep on paying to the end of time just the same as he who does not.—Chihuahua Enterprise.

Safford Ties Solomonville

Last Sunday afternoon the Safford club played ball with the club from Solomonville on the home grounds, known as the Beebe place.

The game was interesting, but the players on both sides showed need for more practice in team work, especially the Safford boys. But the season is young yet, and as it advances the team work will improve.

It would also be a good plan to improve on base running, and there is need of good coaching when players are on the bases.

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Wedding Bells

On Thursday evening last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Thorpe, Miss Edna Thorpe was united in marriage to Chris. P. Merrill, of Johnson, Arizona. The ceremony was performed by Bishop J. R. Welker in the presence of the family and a few invited guests.

The happy couple left Safford Monday morning for their new home in Johnson, where Mr. Merrill is employed by the Empire Copper and Gold Mining Co.

Firemen's Ball A Success

The ball given by the Safford Fire Department last Saturday evening at Todd's Hall, was a great success socially and financially. The net receipts were $26, which will be devoted to the purchase of a water wagon for use of the department. The members of the department are making arrangements for an entertainment to be followed by a supper, to be given on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. The proceeds to go toward purchasing needed supplies for the department.

DID LEE EXPECT DEFEAT

The General's Significant Statement After the Battle of Sailor's Creek, While Retreating

My last official intercourse with General Lee was on the retreat. I was sent to him with dispatches from President Davis and reached him near midnight of April 6th near Rice's station. I approached without being challenged by a single sentinel and found him standing near a smoldering fire with one of his hands resting on an ambulence wheel. He was dictating some order to Colonel Marshall, who sat in the ambulance with a lap desk receiving his dictation. As General Lee spoke he gazed into the bed of coals as if weighing every word. There was no staff or escort about so far as I could see. Touching Sailor's Creek, he spoke bitterly and said in answer to Mr. Davis' desire to know his proposed line of retreat that it was beyond his control; that he had intended to retreat by the line of the Danville road, but had been forced off that route by the arrival of Sheridan ahead of him at Burkville; that he was then following the line of the Southside road to Lynchburg, but the enemy was outmarching him and might force him off; that his movements were dependent on the development of each hour, and then he added: "How can I tell? A few more Sailor's Creeks and it will all be over—just where I thought it would end from the beginning." When I first published this statement its truthfulness was questioned. Fortunately I afterward saw two of his staff, both of whom said they had heard him express himself in the same way. There may have been times when General Lee, elated by some of his surprising successes, felt hopeful about the triumph of our cause. From the probabilities based on numbers and resources his judgment may have been warped away now and then by the feeling he expressed when, after Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, he said: "No general ever commanded such troops as those under me." But his mind was too mathematical in its workings, and all its calculations were too habitually based upon what could be done with a given number of men and a certain amount of material to make him forget the vast disparity between the contestants or hope for ultimate triumph. —John S. Wise in Circle Magazine.

Farmers' Institutes For Gila Valley

The following meetings are announced for the Gila Valley. Director R. H Forbes, of the Arizona Experiment Station, will deliver the lecture at each meeting:

Pima, Thursday, February 27, 1908, at 7:30 p.m.

Layton, Friday, February 28, 1908, at 7:30 p.m.

Thatcher, Priesthood Meeting, Saturday, February 29, 1908, at 7:30 p.m.

The subject discussed at each place will be "Farmers Organizations." At Pima and Layton a question box will be provided into which any one may put any question he chooses, and all questions will be answered at the close of the meeting. Prof. R. W. Clothier will probably attend each meeting and take charge of the question box.

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Farming News

FOUL BROOD IN THE HIVE

One of the Most Serious of All Bee Diseases---How its Presence May be Known

Foul brood is a term that is applied to a disease that attacks the larvae of the honey bee and is attended with fatal results either before or soon after the cells containing them are capped. Unless remedial action is taken it generlly results in the course of a year or two in the destruction of the colony attacked, not so much on account of the numbers of the larvae destroyed as on account of the fact that from the consistency of the dead larvae the bees cannot remove them, and so are precluded from rearing young again in such cells.

Foul brood, although of rare occurrence, is one of the most malignant diseases that prey upon domesticated animals. This disease, known scientifically as "bacillus alvei," is a fungus which attacks the larvae of the honey bee and causes them to die and decay in the cell, with the most putrid and disgusting smell. It is contagious, and for this reason the existence of apiaries in the neighborhood of diseased colonies is threatened during the entire season, for it suffices for a bee to visit the inside of a hive which has been destroyed by this disease to bring it home to its own colony. The larvae dying before maturity, there is no reproduction of adult insects, and the colony is doomed. The combs, the honey, the queen, the bees, and even the very walls of the hive are contaminated by the disease and made channels of infection.

The healthy larvae are of a glistening white color. When attacked by the disease they lose this lively appearance and turn brown like coffee prepared with milk. Now it is ropy, like mucus, as readily appears by inserting the end of a sliver in it and withdrawing it. This is the surest test of disease, and for the greater part of the year the easiest to be applied. This ropy mass after a while dries down and becomes a thin, dark brown scale, lying on the lower side of the cell and reaching nearly, but not quite, to the open end of it. By holding the comb at the right angle in the light these scales are readily seen, thus revealing the disease in the winter, when there are generally no dead larvae remaining in a viscid state. Further, the cappings of comb much diseased are generally to a degree sunken, perforated and discolored. The odor of a brood nest much diseased is always bad, although not always very strong, and will not be confounded by any one having a good sense of smell with anything else in the apiary, unless it might be a bad case of dysentery.

Sometimes, too, honey is stored in cells with the dried matter, which, being thus moistened, releases the bacilli so that they mingle with the honey. Of course, when such honey enters into the food of the larvae they are pretty sure to contract the disease, and when such honey is carried away by robber bees the disease is spread to new colonies. In endeavoring to control this plague, robbing in all its forms is the great thing to be guarded against.

Just how long it would be before any diseased colony would become very bad with foul brood would depend entirely upon how much or how little of the honey is diseased. The honey to become diseased must be stored first in cells where foul brood matter had dried down, and when any honey is removed from such diseased cells to cells partly filled with sound honey it will disease it also. Foul brood is spread through a colony just in proportion to the amount of diseased honey that is fed to the larvae. Three days of comb building, with no brood to feed and no comb for the storage of honey except what is made within that time, frees the colony subjected to these conditions from all germs of the disease. The comb may be built either entire or from foundation. The problem then simply is to put the bees under those conditions without permitting any robbing, or what amounts to the same thing, the mingling of any bees of the diseased colony with the other colonies. Practically, too, the prevention of robbing means the destruction of the identity of the combs and honey of the diseased colony by burning or boiling. As comb building is necessary for the cure, the best time for effecting it is during a honey flow, and for the benefit of the novices in apiculture I may say that the only time allowable for putting the bees under the condition spoken of so as to surely preclude the robbing is when no bees are on the wing in the open air at all.

Dairying as It Relates to Fertility

There is nothing of more importance to all humanity than the fertility of the soil; dependent upon it is the life of every living thing. The future strength, power and general welfare of this nation, in fact of all nations, great or small, is in the hands of men who till the soil.

Historians have paid great tribute to statesmen who have helped to develop and guard the political future of our country, but the very foundation of our nation is the soil and the farmers who have it in charge have a greater responsibility than the men who are shaping the legislation of our land. It therefore becomes the sacred duty of every man who owns a little spot of this earth to guard it well. He should leave it better than he found it.

But this is not the history of the soil. If the history of American Agriculture is ever written, it will be a story of destruction from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. There is no country that has destroyed the fertility of the soil so rapidly or used it more extravagantly than the American farmer. The far sighted men of every age have observed this destruction and have given warning of its penalties.

But it is only recently that the average farmer has begun to realize the necessity of giving his attention to this all important subject,—preserving the fertility of our land.

In the beginning, this country, on the whole, had a rich soil, and most men thought it in exhaustible. Our modern methods of farming, which have brought in vogue the rotation of crops, better cultivation, better machinery, tile drainage and with which has developed rapid and cheap transportation, opening markets to all parts of the world for our farm products, have increased our earning capacity but have hastened and encouraged the depletion of our soil.

We are now brought face to face with the problem of developing a system of farming that will not make our land less productive but more productive, for the old phrase "go West young man and grow up with the country," is obsolete.

When 500 pounds of butter are sold from the farm only 15 cents worth leaves it. If 100 bushels of corn is sold $18.00 worth of fertility is taken from the land. It is not hard for the thinking man to observe what dairying will do for the soil as compared with grain farming.

Where dairying is properly carried on the soils grow better; but with grain farming the soil is growing poorer and less productive each year.—Hoard's Dairyman.

What Shall We Work For?

When we have urged upon dairy farmers the importance of improving the quality and capacity of their cattle we have in many instances been answered like this:

"Well, if everybody increases the production of their cows, as you advise, it will break down the prices and then where will we be?"

Two errors of judgment are contained in that reply and it is one, we are convinced, that occupies the minds of a large number of farmers.

The first error is in the idea that a high price is necessary to an increased profit. Too many men are looking to the market for their salvation when they should look at the cow end. Individually this cannot affect the price except as they increase the quality of their product. But they can do a great deal to reduce the cost of production. There is where they cannot be interfered with. It is the good cow that produces milk the cheapest; it is the poor cow that produces it the most expensively. The final meaning of all this talk we hear on improved breeding, better ideas of stabling and feeding is to increase production and reduce the cost. At once then we are masters of the situation.

The second error is in the idea that a farmer must keep a large herd in order to make a good profit and so by increasing the size of our herds we finally bring on over production and loss. Hoards Dairyman is not in favor of large herds but it is in favor of small herds of large producers. We want to see more herds of 10 cows that will produce 300 pounds of butter each and less 20 cow herds that produce only 175 to 200 pounds.

When the farmer gets these two ideas fastened in his mind, less cows and better ones and better and more efficient methods, then will he conform to the true economics of the situation. It is the flood of poor cows and their product, and farmers keeping them who do not know what they are about, that constitute the most serious menace to the future of dairying.

There are two classes of people who have ever been dangerous to society, and to good government: the over-fed and the under-fed.

YAQUI INDIANS MURDERED

Traveler from Guaymas Reports Suicide of the Yaqui Indians as False

What is Mexico doing with her deported Yaquis?

A. R. Nelson of Washington, D. C., says they are being drowned in the Pacific.

Mr. Nelson, who has been spending the winter in the southwest for the benefit of his health, passed through El Paso on his way home. He spent some time in Guaymas, Mexico, where he says he took some observations on the manner in which the Yaquis are being handled.

"I saw one bunch of the Indians brought from the interior to Guaymas," he told a News representative, "and was informed that they had been hauled 484 kilometers in stock cars, which had not even been cleaned out after being used for transporting cattle.

"There were 1,500 of these poor devils—men, women and children, huddled together in the cars like so many hogs. It was one of the most pitiful scenes I have ever witnessed.

"They were unloaded at Guaymas and placed in a corral like cattle. Later they were loaded on a vessel for deportation. As they were being transferred from the corral to the vessels they were jeered at by the onlooking Mexicans, who seemed to take great delight in the misery of the Indians.

"That the Yaquis are being exiled to Yucatan, was what I was informed, their route to be by sea to the Isthmus of Tehauntepec, over the isthmus by rail and then again by sea to Yucatan, but within three days the vessels on which they left Guaymas were back at the port, when they could not have made the trip to Tehauntepec in less than six days.

"The reason given by those in charge of the vessels for their early return was that the Yaquis had all jumped overboard.

"I traveled through some Yaqui country and formed the opinion that the Indians are generally peaceable and much better laborers than the peons of that section. But it seems that the Mexican government is determined to exterminate them, and the free-thinking people of Guaymas and vicinity don't believe that any of the deported ones have even been landed any where but at the bottom of the sea.

"Guaymas is a typical Mexican town of about 15,000 people," concluded Mr. Nelson. "The business there is practically all done by Mexicans and Chinamen and the principal amusements are bull fights and base ball.—El Paso News.

Documents Filed for Record

Following is a list of the documents filed for record at the county seat and compiled by Abstractor Fred Dysart:

H C Layton, D A Upchurch and D H Claridge file official bonds as road overseers.

Gila Valley Bank & Trust Co to Nobel N Perkins, release of mtg, $400; on 20 acres in ne 1-4, sec 3, tp 7 s, r 25 east.

S J Forbes files declaration of homestead upon lot 43 San Francisco twns, valued at $2500.

Mrs. M E Fort to C M Nichols and wife, release of mtg, $800; on 10 acres in se 1-4, sec 3, tp 7 s, r 25 east and tract in blk 12, Thatcher.

Samuel Lewis and wife to Samuel Lewis, deed, $20; ne 1-4 sw 1 4 and nw 1-4 se 1-4 and sw 1-4 ne 1 4 nw 1-4 and nw 1-4 se 1-4 nw 1 4, sec 11, tp 7 s, r 25 east, 100 a.

Samuel Lewis to Gila Valley, Globe & Northern Ry Co, deed, $200; s 1-2 ne 1-4 sw 1-4, sec 11, tp 7 s, r 25 east.

A C Alexander and wife to Gila Valley, Globe & Northern Ry Co, deed, $75; 2 lots in s 1 2 sw 1 4, sec 35, tp 4 s, r 23 east.

J H Dial and wife to George Webster, deed, $1; 1-2 int. in lots 7 and 8 in blk No 5, Hill's add, Clifton.

D E Herrera to D J Riley, bill of sale, $535; house in Metcalf.

Chan Olmstead to John D Parks, bill of sale, $1; C A pasture fence and corral and Scully corral.

Martin Flaherty, et al, file proof of labor on 7 claims in Stanley Butte district.

Josefa de and Celso Flores to E D Wilson, deed, $10; east part of lot 4 of McCormick's add, Clifton.

J M Fisher and Tom Dallas locate 1 mine in Greenlee dist.

Peter Torrance to Stephens & Schade, deed, $25; north part of lot 22, all of lot 23 and part of lot 24 and W of St, N Clifton.

Henrietta R Anderson locates 2 claims east of Clifton.

Maude E Crowley to P F Crowley, power of attorney, grants general power.

C L Graeff to Dr Carl B Boyd, deed, $30; 1-3 of 6 claims in Stanley Butte dist.

Dr Carl B Boyd files proof of labor on 3 claims in Stanley Butte district.

Wm B Ballard and wife to R E Lucas, deed, $40; lot immediately south of blk 4, in Pima.

Gold Belt Development and Reduction Co files proof of labor on 22 claims in Copper Mt. dist.

Henry H Foisom, et al, locate 8 placer claims in Lone Star dist.

Joseph W Greenhalgh and wife to J R Williams, deed, $500; lot 2, blk 12, Smith's add, Safford.

R J Young locates 6 claims in Lone Star dist.

A G Smith makes affiidavit showing payment of $10,000; purchase price of 4 claims in Lone Star dist.

F A Woodward files plat of Bonita mining claim in Lone Star district.

S S Marshall, et al, to Mascot Mining Co, deed, $6000; 9 claims in Montezuma dist.

C W Courtney locates 1 claim in Clark district.

S D Corley locates 2 claims in Mayflower dist.

Walter Truesdale, single, to W E Glassclock, deed, $700; lots 12 and 13 in blk 3 Maurer's add, Safford.

F O Bacon to R T Hill, deed, $1; 1-10 of 1 claim in Copper Mt dist, 1 1-2 mi se of Morenci.

R T Hill and Geo Fraeer, deed, $1; 1-10 of 2 claims 1 1-2 miles se of Morenci.

John Evans is appointed deputy county assessor.

Gila Valley Bank & Trust Co to W S Humphrey, release of mtg, $1000; on part of lot 1, blk 7, Hill's new add, Clifton.

Mathew Danenhauer is appointed agent for the Union Health & Accident Co.

C M Layton and wife to M P Ferguson, deed, $7000; e 1-2 se 1-4 sec 33, tp 6 s, r 25 east, 80 acres.

Baptist Minister Becomes a Catholic

"I have become a member of the Roman Catholic Church because through my years of theological study, and particularly in Mexico, I have come to the belief that the Roman Catholic Church is right. I have no desire to enter into a theological controversy, and for the work of the Protestant Church in Mexico I have nothing to say, either of the men who are engaged in it, of the work they are doing, or of their motives in pursuing that work. I may say, however, that my faith is held in the Roman Catholic Church militant, the church of all lands and all ages."—Rev William H. Sloan.

Recently in Mexico City in the San Lorenzo English speaking Catholic Church, Rev. William H. Sloan, for thirty-five years a minister of the Baptist Church, and for the past twenty-three years a missionary of that Church in Mexico, was conditionally baptized by Rev. Father J. A. Reis. By this act one of the oldest Protestant missionaries in the Republic becomes a member of the Church against whose control of the religious field of Mexico his work of a quarter of a century has been directed.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to the Board of Trustees of said district, having been signed by forty-three petitioners, the heads of families residing in said district, and representing over a majority of the same; Now, Therefore, at the request of said petitioners, and by virtue of the powers vested in us as the Board of Trustees of said School District No. 2, under Paragraph 2182 (Sec. 53), of the School Laws of Arizona, dated July 1, 1907, you are hereby notified that a Bond Election is hereby called, to be held on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1908, at the School House in said District No. 2, in said County and Territory at which election, all qualified Electors, who are property tax payers of said district, shall be entitled to vote on the proposition of whether Bonds shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money to build one School House in said District, and supplying the same with furniture.

The names of the judges chosen to conduct said Election are W. F. Willis, Jack McAlister and R. S. Stewart. Polls will be open on said day of Election between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p m.

The amount of Bonds proposed to be issued by said School District No. 2, shall be Five Thousand Four Hundred ($5,400 00) dollars; the denomination of which shall be Two Hundred ($200 00) dollars each.

Said Bonds shall bear interest at the rate of Seven per cent (7 per cent) per annum, payable annually.

Both interest and principal payable in Gold Coin of the United States of America, at the office of the County Treasurer of Graham County, Arizona. Said Bonds shall be payable at the expiration of Twenty (20) years from date of issue; and each Bond shall contain a provision that the same may be paid at any time after ten years, at the option of a majority of the property tax payers of said District No. 2.

Dated and posted this 13th day of February, A. D. 1908.

Attest:

JOHN EVANS, E. W. TAYLOR, J. T. TONG. } Board of Trustees of School District No. 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona, Feb. 5, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Amelia Ann Sisson, wife of William H Sisson, of Safford, Arizona, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5075 made October 13, 1904, for the SE ¼ SW ¼, SW ¼ SE ¼, Section 32, Township 8 S, Range 26 E, and that said proof will be made before Albert T. Colton, U. S. Commissioner, at Safford, Arizona, on March 27, 1908.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:

Thomas T. Bunch, James M. Foster, Frank T. Patterson, William B. Fonda, all of Safford, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

LAND OFFICE AT PHOENIX, ARIZ.
February 6, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Jos. Henry Woolsey of Safford, Ariz., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz. Homestead Entry No. 4699 made January 17, 1902, for the SW ¼ NW ¼, W ½ SW ¼, SE ¼ SW ¼, Section 5, Township 8 S, Range 26 E, and that said proof will be made before Albert T. Colton, U. S. Commissioner, at Safford, Arizona, on March 28, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, the land, viz:

John E. Mangum, John W. Lively, Frank Lee, Heber Dalton, all of Safford, Arizona.

LYMAN W. WAKEFIELD,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Land office at Phoenix, Arizona,
February 6, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Charles Y. Webb, of Pima, Arizona, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5966 made August 17, 1901, for the E ½ SE ¼, Section 4, N ½ NE ¼, Section 9, Township 7 S Range 24 E, and that said proof will be made before Albert T. Colton, U. S. Commissioner, at Safford, Arizona, on March 30, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, the land, viz:

Thomas Norman Lamb, Joseph Hamblin, Josiah Webb, all of Pima, Arizona, James Dickson Webb, of Central, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Land Office at Phoenix Arizona.
February 5, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Daniel J. Sparks, of Safford, Arizona, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 3547 made February 9, 1901, for the S ½ NE ¼, S ½ NW ¼, Section 33, Township 8 S, Range 26 E, and that said proof will be made before Albert T. Colton, U. S. Commissioner, at Safford, Arizona, on March 27, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz:

Charles A. Angle, Caleb Angle, Thomas J. McAfee; Berry W. Campbell, all of Safford, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Land Office at Phoenix Arizona.
February 6, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Edward W. McEwen of Ft. Thomas, Ariz., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 3905, made June 12, 1901, for the S ½ SE ¼, NW ¼ SE ¼, Section 7, Township 5 S, Range 24 E, and that said proof will be made before W. R. Chambers, Clerk of Court, at Solomonville, Arizona, on March 30, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz:

William Hawkins, Erasmus E. Hancock, William J. Markham, all of Eden, Arizona, Joseph H. Hinton, Sr., of Ft. Thomas, Arizona.

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G. V. G. & N. RAILROAD,

TIME TABLE NO. 39

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The following is the new schedule of passen ger trains at Bowie station:

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THIS SPACE BELONGS TO

St. Joseph Stake and L. D. S. Academy

STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Quarterly conference will convene at Thatcher Meeting House, Saturday the 29th inst., and Sunday March 1st. There will be visitors present, beautiful singing and many vastly important matters for the welfare and pleasure of all who attend. Everybody is invited to be present.

GENERAL PRIESTHOOD MEETING

Since announcing regular priesthood meeting we have discovered that conference comes on our regular Priesthood meeting day, but we will attend to all matters of business on Saturday, during the noon hour.

TO BISHOPS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

All bishops and presiding elders are requested to be in attendance at 12 o'clock noon, February 29th.

STAKE NOTICES

The Matthews ward is appointed to administer the Sacrament and provide usher service at the Quarterly Conference, February 29th and March 1st.

Home missionary appointments will be suspended in Thatcher, Layton and Pima.

Elders John Henry Smith and George F. Richards, of the Quorum of Twelve, will attend Conference Feb. 29th and March 1st. Others of the wards will be visited by them before they depart.

A conjoint meeting of the Mutual will be held in Thatcher Sunday evening.

Ward clerks will please issue certificates of ordination to Lesser Priesthood, baptisms, blessings, etc., whenever these ordinances are performed. This should be done immediately after the ordinance.

ACADEMY NOTES

The Academy students wearing badges and floating banners and streamers of purple and gold gave Pima a visit last week. While there they intended to enjoy the ball game and participate in other sports. The rain put an end to the games but could not quench their ardor.

The visit of members of the faculty to Clifton was postponed, owing to the unsettled weather. The school contemplates a visit in the near future.

Charles Johnson is still in Duncan, settling an account with measles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Sunday school superintendents will please endeavor to have their schools well represented at quarterly conference Saturday, February 29th as the Sunday school children, under the direction of Prof. Jones, will fornish the singing for the Saturday sessions. The primary and 1st intermediate departments will be seated on the stand as far as possible. The remaining departments will take seats in the body of the hall.

The following program has been prepared for Sunday School Ward Conference in the St. Joseph Stake for the year and those schools whose conferences come early in the year, will please make immediate preparation on the same:

1st. Regular opening exercises of the school, not omitting "prayer meeting" at 9:45 a. m.

2nd. Following the opening exercises and administration of the sacrament, the general authorities of the church, general Sunday school authorities, stake presidency, stake Sunday school officers and workers, ward bishopric and ward Sunday school officers and teachers will be sustained.

Song—"There is Beauty in the Forest," D. S. S. Song Book.

Concert Recitation—"Blessing on the Bread."

Class Exercises, conducted by a member of the stake board.

Song, to be selected and prepared by ward chorister and school.

Concert Recitation—"Blessing on the Water."

Miscellaneous.

Sunday school superintendents do not forget to go out and hustle in behalf of the Juvenile.

Members of stake board, please remember that the monthly stake board meeting is held on the Sunday preceeding the last Saturday in the month at Thatcher, 12 o'clock, noon.

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THATCHER

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

Mrs. Brinkerhoff reports her hotel as being full of visitors and business prosperous.

Albert Chlarson, who has been very ill with rheumatism of the heart, is reported improving.

A very pleasant dancing party was given in honor of Washington's Birthday in the Amusement Hall, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackey Branam are the proud parents of a new baby girl which was born Friday, February 21st. Mother and baby are getting on nicely.

O. M. Allen and son are farming on a large scale on the Welker and Tyler farm, this side of Cluff's Ranch, this year. Mr. Allen reports an abundance of mountain water and crops doing fine.

The lecture given in the Academy by Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, on temperance, was much appreciated by the teachers, students and a few visitors. Many others regretted they had not known it in time to attend.

Trimming trees and pruning orchards seems to be the general order of the day. Weeds and brush are being cleaned off the streets and lots put in good condition, and the town begins to present a neat appearance.

The Academy celebrated Founder's Day, Feb. 20th, with a good program at the Academy chapel in the forenoon, and went to Pima to play base ball with the Pima nine in the afternoon, but the rain prevented them from finishing the game.

Prof. Thornber sent a large box of cana bulbs, with an order that each girl in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades be made a present of one. The girls appreciate them and hope to make the town bloom with beautiful canas this summer.

The City Council have decided to grade the streets of our town and are making a strong effort in that direction, and work is being pushed right along. We mean to do our share toward putting the roads from Pima to Solomonville in first class condition.

The Amusement Committee are going to give a Hard Times' ball next Friday evening. The plainest and poorest clothing is to be worn and everyone, even the spectators, are expected to come in costume for the occasion. No collars and ties allowed. Both young and old will mingle in this ball and make it the social affair of the season.

Apostles John Henry Smith and George F. Richards are expected from Salt Lake City to attend the Quarterly Stake Conference, which convenes in the Thatcher Meeting House on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 29th and March 1st. They are both fluent speakers. All preparations have been carefully made, and all anticipate an enjoyable time. The Sunday school children will furnish the singing on Saturday.

The next Academy ball is scheduled for March 15th, Founder's Day. It will close the celebration of the event. The students report that the Board and Faculty are not alone enthusiastic over the project of erecting a new building for next year, but they too have partaken of the spirit, and to show their substantial desires, they will provide refreshments at the coming ball and apply the proceeds, as the first donation, to the building fund. All who become thirsty or over-warm in the dance can find a perfect cure at the refreshment tables.

The Arizona Dramatic Club treated the children to a matinee on the afternoon of Washington's Birthday; and in the evening presented the same play, "The Power of the Cross," to a crowded house. The play took splendidly. Mrs. Lula Jones is becoming quite a favorite on the stage. Mrs. Kimball acted the part of the little girl in her usual charming manner. Miss Lee made quite a hit as Dolly's mother and received many favorable comments. Lem Pace, R. W. Smith, Evans Coleman and Joe Phillips each acted their part well and received much praise.

Notes from the Clark District

Development work on the different mining claims in this district is going steadily on.

Among the operating companies we note the Resurrection Mining Company. This company is composed of Colorado people, all the stockholders being railroad employes to the number of 175, and there is no stock of this company on the market.

At the present the company is prospecting its property with a two-inch core drill. The vein has an average width of 100 feet on surface, and assays of samples taken from vein show values of 4 per cent. copper and $4.00 to $7.00 in gold.

M. P. Baugh is manager of the company, O. J. Harsman, engineer. H. E. Dunlap, of Safford, is resident agent.

Another property in this district that is looming up as a gold mining proposition, is being operated by the Mascot Mining Company, W. D. Jayne, Superintendent, and M. B. Huston, Mining Engineer.

This company is installing a small stamp mill and concentrator.

Obituary

On the morning of February 11th, at his home in Hillsboro, Texas, the spirit of Judge Jo Abbott, father of James S. Abbott, of the Bank of Safford, passed from life to eternity, his demise being as quiet and peaceful as the transition from wakefulness to sleep. Judge Abbott had long been feeble, and for a number of months had been in a very ill state of health. Several months ago he was summoned to attend his devoted wife, who was then with their son, Capt. E. G. Abbott, at Fort Worden, Wash., Mrs. Abbott's health being at the time in a very critical state. On January 5th she departed this life and Judge Abbott brought the remains back home for interment. From that time Judge Abbott continued to fail, and, notwithstanding the best medical attention and care, the end came peaceably on the morning of February 11th.

Judge Abbott was born near Decatur, Ala., Jan. 15, 1840. His family removed to Freestone County, Texas, when he was a boy, and he was educated in that county. In 1859 he studied law, but at the outbreak of the war he gave up his studies and joined the Confederate army. He was commissioned first lieutenant Co. B, 12th Texas Cavalry, and served with distinction to the end of the war. He practiced his profession in Hillsboro for many years. In 1869 he was elected to the Texas legislature. He held the office of district judge for many years, and served five terms as a member of Congress, retiring from Congress in March, 1887.

Judge Abbott is survived by six children. Capt. E. G. Abbott, Ft. Worden, Wash.; Mrs. R. J. Jones, Paul's Valley, Okla.; Henry Abbott, Weatherford, Texas; Edwin Abbott, Berlin, Md.; James S. Abbott, Safford, Ariz., and Miss Rowena Abbott, who is with her brother, Capt. Abbott, Ft. Worden, Wash.

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Notice to Creditors

In the Probate Court in and for Graham County, Arizona.
Estate of Morgan H. Merrill, deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the above deceased to exhibit them with the needed vouchers within four months from the date of the first publication hereof to the undersigned at the office of George H. Crosby, Jr., in Safford, Arizona.

EMMA MERRILL,
Administrator of said Estate.

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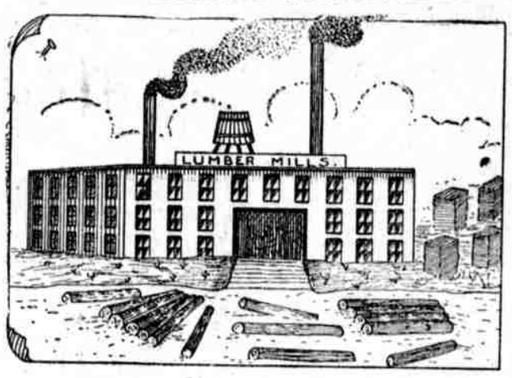

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